

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

VALMIKI RAMANI

17CV 5746

Write the full name of each plaintiff.

CV
(Include case number if one has been assigned)

-against-

youtube LLC

COMPLAINT

Do you want a jury trial?

☐ Yes ☒ No

Write the full name of each defendant. If you need more space, please write "see attached" in the space above and attach an additional sheet of paper with the full list of names. The names listed above must be identical to those contained in Section II.

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I. BASIS FOR JURISDICTION

Federal courts are courts of limited jurisdiction (limited power). Generally, only two types of cases can be heard in federal court: cases involving a federal question and cases involving diversity of citizenship of the parties. Under 28 U.S.C. § 1331, a case arising under the United States Constitution or federal laws or treaties is a federal question case. Under 28 U.S.C. § 1332, a case in which a citizen of one State sues a citizen of another State or nation, and the amount in controversy is more than \$75,000, is a diversity case. In a diversity case, no defendant may be a citizen of the same State as any plaintiff.

What is the basis for federal-court jurisdiction in your case?

☒ Federal Question

☐ Diversity of Citizenship

A. If you checked Federal Question

Which of your federal constitutional or federal statutory rights have been violated?

HARRASSMENT and DISCRIMINATION in
maintaining my music video channel on
YouTube — VALMIKI INTERNATIONAL SONGS & LOVE™

B. If you checked Diversity of Citizenship**1. Citizenship of the parties**

Of what State is each party a citizen?

The plaintiff, YouTube LLC, is a citizen of the State of

(Plaintiff's name)
San Bruno California 94066
901 CHERRY AVE

(State in which the person resides and intends to remain.)

or, if not lawfully admitted for permanent residence in the United States, a citizen or subject of the foreign state of

If more than one plaintiff is named in the complaint, attach additional pages providing information for each additional plaintiff.

If the defendant is an individual:

The defendant, _____, is a citizen of the State of
(Defendant's name)

or, if not lawfully admitted for permanent residence in the United States, a citizen or subject of the foreign state of _____

If the defendant is a corporation:

The defendant, YouTube LLC, is incorporated under the laws of
the State of California

and has its principal place of business in the State of California

or is incorporated under the laws of (foreign state) _____

and has its principal place of business in 901 CHERRY AVE San Bruno. Ca 94066

If more than one defendant is named in the complaint, attach additional pages providing information for each additional defendant.

II. PARTIES

A. Plaintiff Information

Provide the following information for each plaintiff named in the complaint. Attach additional pages if needed.

First Name

Middle Initial

Last Name

Street Address

County, City

State

Zip Code

Telephone Number

Email Address (if available)

*Do not know it at present but
it does not work*

none

B. Defendant Information

To the best of your ability, provide addresses where each defendant may be served. If the correct information is not provided, it could delay or prevent service of the complaint on the defendant. Make sure that the defendants listed below are the same as those listed in the caption. Attach additional pages if needed.

Defendant 1:

You Tube LLC
 First Name Last Name
online media
 Current Job Title (or other identifying information)
901 CHERRY AVE
 Current Work Address (or other address where defendant may be served)
SAN BRUNO CA 94066
 County, City State Zip Code

Defendant 2:

 First Name Last Name

 Current Job Title (or other identifying information)

 Current Work Address (or other address where defendant may be served)

 County, City State Zip Code

Defendant 3:

 First Name Last Name

 Current Job Title (or other identifying information)

 Current Work Address (or other address where defendant may be served)

 County, City State Zip Code

Defendant 4:

First Name

Last Name

Current Job Title (or other identifying information)

Current Work Address (or other address where defendant may be served)

County, City

State

Zip Code

III. STATEMENT OF CLAIMPlace(s) of occurrence: ON LINE - youtubeDate(s) of occurrence: 2015 - present**FACTS:**

State here briefly the FACTS that support your case. Describe what happened, how you were harmed, and what each defendant personally did or failed to do that harmed you. Attach additional pages if needed.

I first had my ~~song~~ song which I performed put on YouTube under the site for the name of that song title of which "You don't have to say you love me". After seeing it was being successful I in April 3 2016 began uploading other music videos up to July 26 2017. I have my own channel titled "Valmiki RAMANI International Songs of Love™". Totalling about 275 (+) videos. Whenever I upload a video a copy (Thumbnail) goes onto my channel OR by just typing my full name VALMIKI RAMANI into YouTube browser all the videos can be seen. However 99% of the songs I perform are COVERS of other artists songs and so

a copy of the thumbnail will appear under that artist site for that song. This is customary and standard practice within the industry. Some of the songs have copyright content and YouTube through arrangement with the owners allow me to use their material once they can solely monetize the videos. My grievance against YouTube is that since publishing the first song to the last one yesterday July 26 2017 They have been constantly taking the videos from off the Host Artist site after a day or few. I have little recourse through which to ask them to fix the problem - HELP at the bottom of page and Send Feedback INJURIES: are two options which work at times.

If you were injured as a result of these actions, describe your injuries and what medical treatment, if any, you required and received.

This has been frustrating - because once the videos have been placed they should not be taken down - or moved further back in the site. I am being discriminated and harassed by YouTube LLC, for what is my belief is my ethnicity, as not being acceptable in owning the channel. I wish this practice to stop.

IV. RELIEF

State briefly what money damages or other relief you want the court to order.

I wish YouTube to stop the practice of not placing my uploading videos, of removing them after they have been positioned on Host Artist - or other general song/site. And if the court see fit to award me any punitive awards that may seem fit.

FORM SSA-1099 – SOCIAL SECURITY BENEFIT STATEMENT**2016**

• PART OF YOUR SOCIAL SECURITY BENEFITS SHOWN IN BOX 5 MAY BE TAXABLE INCOME.
 • SEE THE REVERSE FOR MORE INFORMATION.

Box 1. Name VALMIKI D RAMANI		Box 2. Beneficiary's Social Security Number 562-94-8011
Box 3. Benefits Paid in 2016 \$9,240.00	Box 4. Benefits Repaid to SSA in 2016 NONE	Box 5. Net Benefits for 2016 (Box 3 minus Box 4) \$9,240.00

DESCRIPTION OF AMOUNT IN BOX 3

Paid by check or direct deposit	\$9,240.00
Benefits for 2016	\$9,240.00

DESCRIPTION OF AMOUNT IN BOX 4**NONE****Box 6. Voluntary Federal Income Tax Withheld****NONE****Box 7. Address**

**VALMIKI D RAMANI
 APT 6D
 13905 85TH DRIVE
 JAMAICA NY 11435-2729**

Box 8. Claim Number (Use this number if you need to contact SSA.)**562-94-8011A**

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V. PLAINTIFF'S CERTIFICATION AND WARNINGS

By signing below, I certify to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief that: (1) the complaint is not being presented for an improper purpose (such as to harass, cause unnecessary delay, or needlessly increase the cost of litigation); (2) the claims are supported by existing law or by a nonfrivolous argument to change existing law; (3) the factual contentions have evidentiary support or, if specifically so identified, will likely have evidentiary support after a reasonable opportunity for further investigation or discovery; and (4) the complaint otherwise complies with the requirements of Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 11.

I agree to notify the Clerk's Office in writing of any changes to my mailing address. I understand that my failure to keep a current address on file with the Clerk's Office may result in the dismissal of my case.

Each Plaintiff must sign and date the complaint. Attach additional pages if necessary. If seeking to proceed without prepayment of fees, each plaintiff must also submit an IFP application.

<u>July 27 2017</u>		<u>Valmiki Raman</u>	
Dated		Plaintiff's Signature	
<u>VALMIKI</u>	<u>D</u>	<u>RAMANI</u>	
First Name	Middle Initial	Last Name	
<u>139-05</u>		<u>85 DRIVE APT 6D</u>	
Street Address			
<u>BRIARWOOD</u>	<u>NY</u>	<u>11435</u>	
County, City	State	Zip Code	
<u>718-291-2978</u>	<u>VALMIKI · D · R D Gmail · Com</u>		
Telephone Number	Email Address (if available)		

I have read the Pro Se (Nonprisoner) Consent to Receive Documents Electronically:

☒ Yes ☐ No

If you do consent to receive documents electronically, submit the completed form with your complaint. If you do not consent, please do not attach the form.